

In An Omnibus

Thought transmission? Clairvoyance? No, I can't say I believe much in that sort of thing...

All the same, I did have a rather curious experience the other evening. It was only a trifling affair, and I confess there is nothing in it really...

Here's the story for what it's worth: I had had a busy day at the office, and was tired out when I took my usual bus home...

There was only just room for me, for my two fellow passengers on the right were bulky individuals, so I was wedged up pretty tight against the bar...

Of course I apologized and then forgot all about the matter. I didn't even look at the girl, didn't realize if she were smart or shabby, fair or dark...

She was quite young—nineteen or twenty perhaps—neither pretty nor ugly and of nondescript coloring. Her hair was fluffed out on either side of her head, covering the top halves of her ears...

Oh, no; I wasn't the least bit fascinated, or any rot of that sort. I'm not the kind of man who is always on the lookout for chance acquaintances—that game is played out as far as I am concerned...

Well, the bus rumbled on, and nobody seemed inclined to move. We were all bound for Hammersmith. I leaned back in my seat as well as I could, to make room for my stout neighbor...

At the same time, I suppose—as the clairvoyants would say—the brain is particularly receptive when it is in that condition. Anyway, after a while a curious mist began to form before my eyes...

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en rapport—isn't that what you call it—a sort of unconscious cerebration.

Well, she must have been thinking hard of something that had happened to her—that very day, I take it. And I saw it all with her eyes.

All the girls seemed to be chattering together gaily enough—all except my girl. I saw her as plainly as I see you. She was working a sewing machine, and she kept glancing at a big clumsy clock upon the wall.

"Will he be there?" That was what she was repeating to herself, and, of course, being for the time, as it were, in her brain, I knew all about "him"—as much as she did, anyway.

He did. They met at an A. B. C. tea shop, and he was evidently cross with her for being late. I didn't like the look of the fellow at all; he was a shocking bouncer, loudly dressed, and with a bowler hat set on one side of his head.

They parted under the glare of the electric light outside the shop. She lifted her face for a kiss and he gave it to her; but I think his kiss must have told her the truth.

Well, I'm very near the end of my story. The girl must have moved her arm just then, for all of a sudden the whole train of impressions was broken. I started up as if I had just come out of a dream and those words were on my lips—I actually spoke them aloud—"He won't come back! I shall never see him again!"

She heard me. It must have seemed to her as though I had spoken her actual thought. She too, was sitting up, and there was a scared look on her face—her eyes were absolutely wild.

I can't remember if I replied or not. I was struggling to collect my own thoughts. I felt a bit dazed myself, and perhaps it was lucky that the baby set up a howl just at that moment and distracted everybody's attention.

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I saw the man, the identical fellow, dressed just as I had figured him that evening. I was at an A. B. C. shop where I sometimes go myself for a cup of tea. He was sitting at one of the little tables and there was a girl with him to whom he was engaged in making violent love.

GREATER THAN NIAGARA.

The Iguazu Waterfalls in South America Leap 213 Feet.

Larger than Niagara is the cataract of the Iguazu falls, almost at the intersection of the three frontiers of Paraguay, Brazil and the Argentine Republic.

About twelve miles from its mouth the bed drops suddenly down a rocky perpendicular cliff some 213 feet high, hence there is a waterfall of that great height. At this spot a delightful little island, beautiful with vegetation, divides the river into two arms.

Below the island the two arms unite and flow on into the Parana River. From the Brazilian bank the spectator, at a height of 280 feet, gazes out over two and a half miles of some of the wildest and most fantastic water scenery he can ever hope to see.

Waters stream, seethe, leap, bound, froth and foam, "throwing the sweat of their agony high in the air and writhing, twisting, screaming and moaning, bear off to the Parana." Under the blue vault of the sky there is a foam, of pearls, of iridescent dust bathes the great background in a shower of beauty that all the more adds to the riot of tropical hues already there.

Few sightseers ever catch a glimpse of the great Iguazu falls, because it takes six days to make the picturesque journey of about 1,250 miles from Buenos Ayres amid the fair fertile plains of Santa Fe and the savage luxuriance of the virgin forest, passing through the territory of the missions and the ruins of Jesuit churches and convents.

How to Get Rid of Rats.

The best way to exclude rats from buildings is by using cement in construction. All kinds of structures are now being made wholly of concrete. Foundations of dwellings may be made rat-proof by its use.

Rapid changes in the barometer indicate early and marked changes in the weather. A red sun means rain. A piece of seaweed hung up will become damp previous to rain.

American Nervousness.

"Why are we a nervous generation? It is because we live in an environment of nervous irritation. We are constantly drenched in emotion," said Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago.

Our Best Two Words.

The friends the foreigner had made during his visit in New York were sad at his departure. They sat about a table at a cafe he had frequented, talking of him.

All the Letters.

The following is the shortest sentence, says Home Notes, containing all the letters of the alphabet: "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs."

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women.

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"Vth Avenue."

As soon as the Nassau street tailor moved up to Fifth avenue he, of course, sent out new cards. Their appearance caused some surprised comment among his friends.

"That looks funny," said one man. "Vth avenue. Isn't that a new wrinkle?"

"Not exactly," said the tailor. "Roman numerals are getting to be rather popular in writing the names of streets. Fifth avenue business men are particularly partial to them.

Scholar or Athlete.

The athlete or the scholar? Which type of man does the world want? That is the query suggested by President Hadley of Yale in an address to the Harvard winners of scholastic honors.

The fact thus stated is apparent everywhere. The scholar has small place in college life. The one who thinks of the debater's platform as a field of endeavor is counted amiable eccentric by the average student.

Must Promise to "Obey."

"Unless a young lady is willing to promise to love, honor and obey," said Rev. Albert P. Fitch from his pulpit in the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church last night, putting considerable emphasis on the word obey.

An Indefinite Number.

Three-year-old Andrew was in a rather petulant mood, and in order to restore his customary good humor his mother promised him some preserved strawberries if he would be a good boy.

Waistcoats and the Sunday Law.

A self-governing democracy never justifies itself more completely than when it converts an irreconcilable quarrel between those who believe in tight-closed Sundays and those who believe in wide-open Sundays into an innocuous dispute as to how purple a waistcoat a man may wear and how large and indiscreet the flowers on it may be, when singing a song of a Sunday.

A Peculiar Couple.

Conversation had turned to the subject of two men, utterly dissimilar, who nevertheless roomed together. One of these men was generally conceded to be a "freak." His name was John.

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THE PLAGUE.

Danger From Infection of Ground Squirrels in California.

A few months ago Dean Ward, of the University of Nebraska, discovered while visiting California that the bubonic plague really menaces the United States, although the splendid work done by the government scientists caused him to hope that no further spread of the disease would be noted.

On!

A Philadelphia woman, whose given name is Mary, as is also the name of her little daughter, had recently engaged a domestic when, to her embarrassment, she discovered that the servant's name too was Mary.

A Serious Objection.

That the scoffers and cross-questioners of the Suffragettes often bring confusion upon their own heads was well illustrated at a recent meeting at which Mrs. Borrmann Wells was delivering an address.

Kites for Locusts.

The Molteno (Cape Colony) farmers have hit upon a novel plan for dealing with locusts. A farmer has imported some eagle kites for the purpose of scaring locusts from the crops.

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Columbia & Montour El. Ry.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT

June 1, 1904, and until further notice. Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lim Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:

A. M. 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40. P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00.

WM. TERNLIGER, Superintendent.

Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad.

Taking Effect Feb'y 1st, 1903, 12:05 a.m.

NORTHWARD.

Table with columns for station names and times for northward travel. Stations include Bloomsburg D & W, Bloomsburg P & R, Paper Mill, Light Street, Orangeville, Forks, Zanes, Stillwater, Benton, Edson, Coles Creek, Laubachs, Grass Mere Park, Central, Jamison City.

SOUTHWARD.

Table with columns for station names and times for southward travel. Stations include Jamison City, Central, Grass Mere Park, Laubachs, Coles Creek, Benton, Stillwater, Zanes, Forks, Orangeville, Paper Mill, Bloomsburg P & R, Bloomsburg D & W.

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